

REMARKS

Without acquiescing to the propriety of the rejections in the Office Action dated March 8, 2007, claims 11-13 and 16 have been canceled. Entry of these amendments, reconsideration of the present patent application, and allowance of all claims pending herein are respectfully requested in view of the remarks below. Claims 1-10, 14, 15, and 17-20 are now pending.

Initially, applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowance of claim 1-10, 14, 15, and 17-20.

Claims 11-13 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. These claims have been canceled as noted above. However, applicant respectfully reasserts the arguments made in the previous responses and respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's determination.

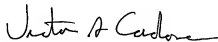
CONCLUSION

It is believed that the application is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at the telephone number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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